



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Chairman Doug Little Nominated for Policymaker of the Year Award

(Phoenix) Chairman Doug Little was one of only five state regulators nationwide to be nominated for Utility Dive's annual "Policymaker of the Year" award. Utility Dive is an online publication specializing in news and information targeted towards the electric power industry and associated companies nationwide.

Chairman Little has emerged as a regional and national thought leader in the areas of integrated resource planning, regional transmission planning, and regional energy markets in the Western U.S. Over the past two years he has also spearheaded efforts in Arizona to evaluate and recommend innovative rate design approaches regarding the value and costs associated with distributed generation. He has also proposed a major review and modernization of Arizona's Renewable Energy Standard.

"I think I would have been surprised if he had not been nominated," said Brad Ramsay, General Counsel of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. "Chairman Little is a smart man and a quick study. Although he's only been a Commissioner for just under two years, he is already recognized nationally as an influential voice on high-profile energy and telecommunications policy issues that have been (and likely will continue to be) front and center both in Washington, D.C. and before most other State public service commissions. Plus, he's a nice guy."

Prior to his election to the Arizona Corporation Commission, Little spent more than three decades in the computer software industry. He is also a member of the NARUC Electricity Committee. Additionally, he is Vice Chairman of the Western Energy Imbalance Market -Body of State Regulators and he is an active participant in the Western Interconnection Regional Advisory Board.

The other nominees for Utility Dive's Policymaker of the Year included; David Noble, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; Joanne Duddy Fort, DC Public Service Commission; and Catherine Sandoval, California Public Utilities Commission.

Audrey Zibelman, the New York State Public Service Commission Chair won the honor for her efforts on New York's Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) program.